

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

July 7th, 2026

Present: Trustee Starkweather, Treasurer Heisler, Supervisor Thering, Trustee Heisler, Clerk Cummings, Patti and John Ostrowski, Jennifer Harris, Dave Soblesky, Dianne Barmes, Allison Williams, Dave Moody, Jeff Wills, Kelley Flynn, John and Nancy Holton and Claudine Williams, Barb Platzer

Absent:

Supervisor Thering called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Starkweather moved to approve the July agenda, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Heisler presented the payables in written form, Treasurer Heisler moved to approve transferring \$19,200 seconded by Clerk Cummings.

Treasurer Heisler presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Treasurer Heisler moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written, seconded by Clerk Cummings. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Auditor Discussion- Clerk Cummings explained that the current auditor is no longer responding to any communication from us or other townships. We are required to have an audit conducted by Sept 30. Clerk Cummings reached out to Kristy Schulze with Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards P.C. for a proposal. The currently conduct audits for over 105 municipalities including some of our neighboring Townships. They are willing to conduct an audit virtually as they have already completed audits in our area for this year. The proposal cost is not to exceed \$4,550.00 Supervisor Thering moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Clerk Cummings. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Thering moved to transfer an additional \$4600.00 to cover the costs with a total transfer in July of \$23,800.00, seconded by Clerk Cummings. MOTION CARRIED

Joint Planning Commission Budget-Supervisor Thering explained the budget and the splits by participants. Roll Call Vote, Passes 5-0

- Trustee Heisler-Yes
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- Treasurer Heisler-Yes
- Supervisor Thering-Yes
- Clerk Cummings-Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on barn demolition-Trustee Heisler has been in contact with the company. They would like us to cover the costs of the 20 yard dumpsters for the shingles. Trustee Heisler has spoken with Trent Piepkow with Bin Boss, they would charge \$700 per dumpster we may need 3-4. Supervisor Thering asked if the barn demo company could attend the next board meeting.

Social Media misinformation- Supervisor Thering clarified some misinformation concerning the library millage. The Board in 2024 rejected sending a millage before our residents as this was not in the best interest of anyone. The cost of a library card would be cheaper to purchase than the millage would cost residents. There also was clarification on purchasing the property across the road, the purchase was made

with ARPA funds that had stipulations on spending. Supervisor Thering would appreciate questions being asked to board members rather than putting misinformation on facebook.

Reports:

Clerk- August 4th election.

Supervisor- MaKenna Services will be the Administrator for the EAJPC, they will hold office hours on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm in the old MSU extension office, meetings will also be held at the same location the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm. They are hoping to have a website up and running by August.

Olivet Fire Chief- Not Present

Commissioner- Not Present

Assessing- Nothing to report.

Eaton County Administrative Update-Claudine Williams introduced her self and explained they are trying to get to every township one a year. They would like to improve communication. She gave updates on the following: reducing unfunded liability, capitol improvements, modernizing financial and technology, security and safety upgrades, explained the park funding that's available mentioned that townships have the option for an agreement for police and possibly animal control.

Claudine also mentioned that 2 millages will be on the ballot August 4, Juevenile Millage Renewal and Restoration as well as 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Millage Renewal and Restoration. In November there will be Road Commission millage as well as Eatran. There is a calculator on the County's website that will calculate what the millage costs would be for each property owner.

Central Dispatch Director Kelly Flynn introduced herself and gave a brief overview of calls for 2025. 112,000 calls were received out of those calls 99% of them were answered within 3 seconds. Eaton County is fully staffed and feels fortune as surrounding counties have a difficulty getting there staffing where it needs to be.

Trustee Heisler asked if the board would be supportive of passing a noise ordinance discussion took place, we would need to consult with our attorney.

Public Comment-

Dave Soblesky-asked what the transfer station cost is for this year and when the permits would be sold.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:46 p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Heisler, MOTION CARRIED.